

Beyond the Neon

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July 2006 Calendar of Events

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Star-Spangled Spectacular

Las Vegas Philharmonic

Tuesday, July 4, 7:30 pm

Hills Park in Summerlin

Hillpointe Road west of Rampart

Annual concert of patriotic tunes followed by fireworks.

Tickets: call 895-ARTS

Children's Summer Concert Series

Annual program is designed to introduce children to the magic of live theatre.

Tears of Joy Theatre's *Anansi the Spider*

Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 am & 2 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

Friday, July 7, 2 & 7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, 229-6211

Anansi, the trickster spider or West Africa, is brought to life in two hilarious tales. Tears of Joy Theatre is known for its colorful puppets and ability to entertain children of all ages.

Tickets for each: \$3

Children's Summer Concert Series

Razzle Bam Boom, *200 Years of American Music*

Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 am & 2 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

Friday, July 14, 2 & 7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, 229-6211

American music was never so much fun as when it's performed by Mark Beckwith and Obediah Thomas. They sing and play and their way through time and across America, incorporating their zany brand of humor.

Tickets for each: \$3

Children's Summer Concert Series

***Stomp Your Feet* with Amy Lowe Trio**

Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 am & 2 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

Friday, July 21, 2 & 7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, 229-6211

The trio performs a lively, upbeat program that sparks the imagination with interactive, entertaining and educational songs, from the silly to the serious. Fun for the whole family.
Tickets for each: \$3

Children's Summer Concert Series

Hudson Vagabond Puppets' *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*

Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 am & 2 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Friday, July 28, 2 & 7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Larger-than-life puppets tell the charming story of Jemima Puddle-Duck, who nearly finds herself in a foxy-looking gentleman's pot of soup. A collie and foxhound puppies help save the day!

Tickets for each: \$3

Summer Youth Film Series

Thursdays, 2 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

July 6 *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

The series turns darker and scarier as Harry is mysteriously entered in the Triwizard Tournament and there are ominous signs of Voldemort's return. PG-13

July 13 *A Series of Unfortunate Events*

Jim Carrey stars as Count Olaf in the adventures of three young orphans looking for a new home, based on the popular children's literature series. PG

July 20 *Finding Nemo*

Nemo has been captured and is living in a dentist's aquarium, plotting to return to the sea. His father, meanwhile, undergoes a series of adventures as he searches for his son. PG

Free admission

Summer Latin Film Series

Thursdays, July 6-20, 7 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Spanish language films from diverse Latin cultures. Call for film titles. Discussion follows each film.
Free admission

Family Film Series

Thursdays, July 6-20, 8 pm

Jaycee Park

Eastern Avenue and St. Louis Avenue, **229-2614**

Bring the family, blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic to watch PG-rated movies under the stars.

July 6 *Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story*

Kurt Russell is a horse trainer and Dakota Fanning is his daughter in a heart-warming story about the comeback of an injured horse.

July 13 *Nanny McPhee*

Seven ill-behaved children meet their match when magical Nanny McPhee appears on the scene.

July 20 *Zathura*

A mysterious game leads to an adventure in space.

July 27 *Yours, Mine and Ours*

Havoc erupts when Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo marry and expect their 18(!) children to become one happy family.

Free admission

Youth Dance Camp

Register through July 7

Camp Dates: Monday-Friday, July 10-28, 9:30 am-1 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Three-week camp for intermediate-advanced dancers, age 12-18, includes ballet technique, pointe, jazz, lyrical jazz and Pilates.

Fee: \$175 (\$125 each additional sibling)

First Friday in the Arts District

Friday, July 7, 6-10 pm

Arts District

Main Street and Charleston Boulevard

More than 60 studios, businesses and galleries participate in the monthly cultural block party. Free trolley service provided. For information, www.firstfriday-lasvegas.org

Watoto Book Club

Saturdays, July 8 & 15, 11 am-12:30 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Young people ages 10-16 are invited to join the book club; selections are based on an African-American curriculum. All educational material will be provided to students.

Free admission

Downtown Cultural Series**Las Vegas Brass Quintet**

Friday, July 21, 12-1 pm

Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse

333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, **229-4614**

Sojourner Truth was a feisty, outspoken 19th-century anti-slavery feminist. Russell shares Truth's thoughts on emancipation, civil war, integration, Jim Crow, women's rights, and black migration from south to north. Bring a sack lunch or partake of the light refreshments available.

Free admission

The Poets' Corner

Friday, July 21, 7:30 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Keith Brantley and Pendelita Toney host a forum for established poets and open mic participants.

Free admission

Old Time Barn Dance

Cosponsored with Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers

Saturday, July 29, 7-10 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center Ballroom

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Callers and live fiddlin' music for square dancing, mixers, contras, waltzes and polkas. Free dance lesson at 6:30 pm! No partner or experience needed.

Tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$3 students, active military & children

IN THE GALLERIES

Across the Divide

June 23-September 3

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Artist and professor Yu Ji curates an exhibition of works by Chinese artists who teach in American universities. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Honest Horses

June 23-August 27

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Wild horses symbolize the West, a reminder of our country's emergence as a nation and their role in Western history. Paula Morin's photographs presents an uncommon view of wild horses' significance to Nevada's Great Basin. This exhibit is part of the Nevada Arts Council's Nevada Touring Initiative, which is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nevada Museum of Art. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Celebrating Life! Winners' Showcase

July 7-September 22

Bridge Gallery

400 East Stewart Avenue, 2nd floor

Exhibition features winning artwork in this year's senior artists competition. Cosponsored by City of Las Vegas Arts Commission and Department of Leisure Services' Senior Citizen Programs Division. Call **229-4674** for details.

Occupied Space: Connecting Artists with Public Spaces

Ongoing

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Two- and three-dimensional works by local artists Jorge Catoni, Earl T. Dunbar, Jennifer Gilbert, Vija Hamilton, Anne Hoff, Charles Lintner, Deborah Norton, Angel O'Briant, Kristin Pinkerton and Mary Warner are displayed throughout the facility. Call **229-4631** for information.

Free

PROGRAMS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.